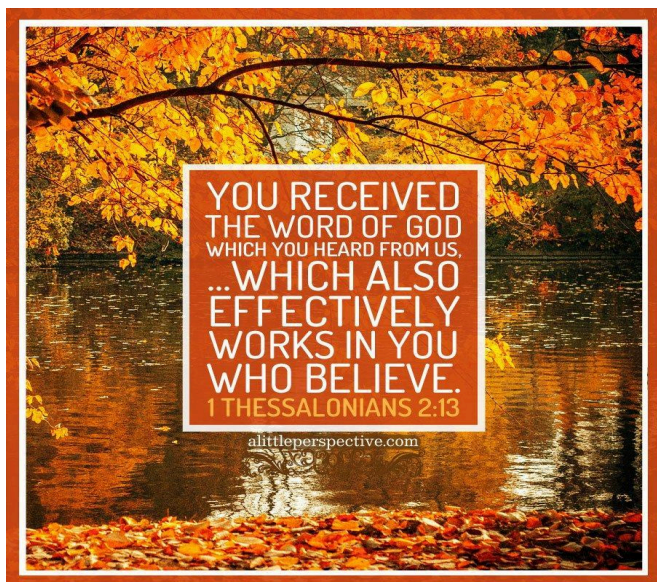




**Jamestown, Rhode Island**

**November 16, 2025**

**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**



**Rev. Bob Nolan, Pastor**  
**Walter Sage, Organist & Choir Director**  
**Tanya Crowley, Office Administrator**

**November 16, 2025**

\*Please stand as you are able

**Prelude**

Walter Sage

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Invocation (unison)**

**Beloved Divine Sustainer,**

**Like the sunlight, your presence illuminates the world around us. Like the air, your being invigorates us. Even when the world seems to be on fire, your quenching rain soothes our souls. Through your wisdom, we find our hope and strength. Fill our minds with your peace and our hearts with fortitude, knowing you will never depart from us. Amen..**

**\*Opening Hymn**    *“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”*    **No. 380**

**\*Call to Worship**    (Inspired by Psalm 98)

One: O Sing to our Creator a New Song,

**Many: Make a joyful noise to God, everyone!**

One: With trumpets and sounds of the horn

**Many: We create joyful sounds for you, God of love.**

One: The hills will sing together in bliss.

**Many: Just as the sea roars and the artists rhyme, we  
serenade our Creator.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**No. 623**

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
and to the Holy Ghost;***

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end.***

***Amen, Amen!***

**Anthem**      *“Lonesome Valley/We Shall Walk”*      **CBC Choir**

Traditional, arr. by Tyler Mabry and Victoria Schwarz (2018)

(This two-part arrangement combines two timeless spirituals,  
first separately, then together. They come from the

Appalachian and Afro-American “journey song” tradition,  
respectively, with the Valley symbolizing both prayer and refuge).

**Children’s Message**

Marilyn Rodriguez

**Scripture**      **2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13**      **(NRSVUE)**

<sup>6</sup> Now we command you, siblings, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> and we did not eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup> This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup> For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup> Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup> Siblings, do not be weary in doing what is right.

**Sermon**      *“Growing in Well-Doing ”*

Pastor Bob

**Hymn**      *“Be Thou My Vision”*

**No. 381**

## **Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

**Holy Strength,**

**At the signs of conflict in our communities and world, we cower instead of running towards the needs of our neighbors. We believe the end is near, but in actuality, this is another wave of dread coming from our fellow humans. Unfortunately, we can't simply wish this conflict away. Instead, you call us to walk through the fire and to use our voices. Forgive us when we want to stop instead of continuing to follow the way of Jesus. Give us grace to keep moving forward, even when betrayal and hate are raining upon us. Amen.**

## **Sharing our Joys & Concerns**

Words of Grace

Pastor Bob

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

## **Offering & Offertory**

Invitation to Generosity

Pastor Bob

Offertory Meditation

Walter Sage

**\*Doxology**

**No. 625**

***Praise God from whom all blessing flow.  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen***



## **WELCOME TO CBC**

Welcome to Central Baptist Church. Please join us following the service for coffee hour in Clarke Hall.

If you have questions about our congregation, please speak with our deacons.

Children may leave for Sunday school after the service's children's time.

We now have a nursery! Please sign up to take a turn. The sign-up sheet is in the parlor.

Please check in with the church office you need to use Clarke hall or fellowship hall for set-ups and clean-ups for any or all church events.

## **THIS WEEK AT CBC**

### **Exercise with us!**

This Fun group meets on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8:30 to 9:30 at Clarke Hall. We use various exercise videos appropriate for all levels. We start with a gentle warm-up, walk about two miles, then cool down, followed by gentle stretches. Sometimes we use light weights and floor mats (provided). Questions? Contact Ellen Greene at 932-8288 or [en707@cox.net](mailto:en707@cox.net)

### **Community Chair Yoga (free)**

Classes are In Person Mondays | 1:00 - 2:00 pm with Susan.

\*\* Free for all Jamestown Pantry Participants and to the CBC congregation

\*\* open to all Jamestown residents for free too

\*\* Pre-registration appreciated at [shriyoga.org](http://shriyoga.org)

## LOOKING AHEAD AT CBC

### Little Dresses

The mission of “Little Dresses for Africa” is to provide relief to African children, by distributing home-made dresses to little girls, primarily in African villages, but also other countries in crisis. These meetings will be on the last Thursday of the month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Clarke Hall.

### CBC CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

#### Sunday, Nov. 16

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

#### Monday, Nov. 17

1:00 p.m. Chair Yoga

#### Tuesday, Nov. 18

8:30 a.m. Exercise with us!

#### Thursday, Nov. 20

8:30 a.m. Exercise with us!

#### Sunday, Nov. 23

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

#### Monday, Nov. 24

1:00 p.m. Chair Yoga

#### Tuesday, Nov. 25

8:30 a.m. Exercise with us!

#### Thursday, Nov. 27—Thanksgiving Day

Church Office Closed

#### Sunday, Nov. 30

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

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**Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> Attendance: 53**

## **CBC Christmas Fair**

The Christmas fair will be held on **Saturday, Dec. 6th.**

The funds from last year went to the general budget, so this has now become an all-church fair, and our only fundraiser this year. We hope you can help make this year's fair a success.

### **Christmas Re-Gift Table**

We are seeking items for our Christmas regift table.

It can be a gift they received and do not want it, or gently used Christmas themed items, or gently used items.

### **Gift Baskets**

Please help us with gift baskets for the Christmas fair. There is a sign-up sheet for the type of gift basket you would like to donate in the parlor. There are baskets in the parlor to choose from to put your donated items in, or you can also use one you have. Fill the basket with the donated items. There is no need to make it pretty and wrap it. We will organize it and wrap it up. If you like wrapping your own basket that is great. Please include a list of what is in your basket. Thank you!

### **Fair Volunteers**

We need volunteers to chair the Christmas table, craft table, and help co-chair the gift baskets. We need people to help with setup and clean up.

### **Baked Goodies**

Sign up to bake goods for our bake table. A sign-up sheet will be available in the church parlor.

### **Wreath Making**

Everyone is invited to help make wreaths on **Sunday, Nov. 30** after church. Any questions please see Jill Dolce... Thank you!!





## **CBC PRAYERS**

Jill said Ron was grateful to be at church today. Also, he'd like prayers for his brother John who has health issues.

Jill also asked for continued prayers for Butch Lemke.

Ellen asked for prayers for her brother-in-law Bob St Jean who has mesothelioma. He is in the hospital now regarding two brain tumors. He had an MRI last night and will get the results tomorrow.

Cathy Kaiser prayers of joy for Jean Britton being at church.

Cynthia asked for continued prayers for Jacob Hopkins as he recuperates from the terrible accident he was involved in.

Paul asked for prayers for Nora.

Pastor Bob asked for prayers for continued efforts for peace in the world & in our hearts.

## **CBC COFFEE HOUR**

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Sunday Coffee hour following the worship service. There are instructions for setting up & clean up are near the back of the sink. You have the choice to provide snacks or not. If anyone is interested, please sign up, the sign-up sheet in Clarke Hall kitchen.

## **THE JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

A nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting food insecure Jamestown residents. Central Baptist Church supports the

mission of the JCFP by providing the space for the food pantry's operations. Additionally, CBC has an ongoing nonperishable food collection that is donated to the JCFP monthly. During **November**, the food pantry needs Cans of gravy, Cans of cranberry saucy, Bread/muffin mixes, Stuffing mix. Donations can be placed in the basket in the church parlor.

For more information on our church  
Please go to:  
**CBCHURCHJTN.ORG**

## **November Birthdays**

Marilyn Dennis	Nov. 3
Laurel Champlin	Nov. 22
Tanya Crowley	Nov. 28

**If you would like your birthday or anniversary recognized,  
Please contact: Ellen Greenby phone 401-932-8288  
by email: en707@cox.net**

## **Special Thank you....**

The Jamestown Community Food Pantry would like to thank the Congregation for their continued support of the Food Pantry. Your generous donations over the last 5 months has amounted to more than 200 pounds of groceries which were

distributed to our Jamestown neighbors. The JCFP Board truly appreciates your help in caring for our Community.

### **Bulletin Announcements**

Please submit announcements for the Sunday bulletin to the church office by 10:00 a.m. on the preceding Wednesday.

### **Joys & Concerns**

If you have a need or a celebration you would like to share, please speak with the pastor, one of our deacons or forward the information to the church office.

### **Flowers**

If anyone would like to honor someone, or as a memorial. We will have the flower request forms on the table in the parlor and will be placed on the altar on the week of their choosing. Any questions, please contact the church office.

### **Sermons**

If you would like to read the sermons, please check our website or contact the church office.

## **CHURCH OFFICE**

Our office hours: **Monday–Thursday, 11AM to 1 PM**

For administrative needs please call Tanya Crowley, administrative assistant, by calling the office at **423-1651**; email **[cbctanya1@gmail.com](mailto:cbctanya1@gmail.com)**

For pastoral and emergency needs contact the pastor,  
**Rev. Bob Nolan**

Email: **[nolan062400@gmail.com](mailto:nolan062400@gmail.com)** ; Cell: **(401) 339-6134**

Please scan Pastor Bob's QR Code:  
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